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1. LOCAL PRESS AND TV COVERAGE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS HAS MADE REGULAR REFERENCE TO USG STATEMENTS REPORTED REFTELS, BUT HAS TREATED THEM WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. GENERAL THRUST OF COVERAGE, LIKE THAT OF MANY WESTERN MEDIA, HAS BEEN TO EFFECT THAT DECLARATION OF FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS RAISES SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT VIABILITY OF PROCESS STIMULATED BY SECRETARYS EFFORT. THIS HAS GENERALLY BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE FOR POSITIVE RESULTS, BUT NO OPTIMISM ABUT PROSPECTS DESPIETE UPBEAT TONE OF USG DECLARATINS.
2. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER GOG COMMENT OF ANY KIND SINCE PRESIDENT AIRPORT REMARKS SEPTEMBER 19 (LIBREVILLE 1880) AND NO REACTION TO USG STATEMENTS TRANSMITTED IN REFTELS. STEIGMAN

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